

**ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE**

- 5        Permitting or prohibiting a drop is executed at the beginning of the drag-  
and-drop action initiated by the user, by mouse-clicking on the object to be  
dragged, for example. Thus, the drag-and-drop action is shown as a visual  
drop permission or prohibition in the relevant drop areas, such as a visual  
queue, for example, check mark, etc. In the preferred embodiment, and upon  
initiation of the action, the surface components display which areas, parts,  
elements or substructures can or cannot accept a given object or data element  
10    before a mouse pointer, arrow or cursor reaches or moves over the relevant  
areas, parts, elements or substructures.

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